SPEED BUT NOT STAMINA

The Claim That Short Distance Racing is Ruining the American Thoroughbred.

The First-Class Performers at a Mile or Over Not Hard to Number.

gpokane and Proctor Knott in Fine Form in Kentucky-Lucky Duke of Pertland.

bred race horse in America during the past five years is remarkable, and events have occurred in that time that have caused veteran racing men to marvel. Records at almost all distances have been eclipsed, and than a decade ago. The question has been asked whether the thoroughbred of to-day is so much superior to his ancestors, or whether the exceptionally fast time made is lated and cared for that they are as nearly first class as it is possible to get them. A good many men who have given the subject a great deal of consideration are in favor of bestowing nearly all the credit upon the race tracks, and cite the grand our stakes in the last ten years, and we may \$200 in the race tracks. performances of Kingfisher, Longfellow, Harry Bassett, Lexington and others as proof of their views. This same class of men deplore the steady growth of class of men deplore the steady growth of short distance, or sprint racing, which is now so popular or at least prevalent in this country. They sigh for the good old days when a thoroughbred was not considered a true blue unless he could go heats at any distance; and one of them contempuously exclaimed. "A pretty show she would have in a two-mile and repeat race," as Geraldine, the beautiful California filly, darted under the wire, winner of half a mile in 46 seconds, during the inaugural meeting of the New York Jockey Club at West Chester, A glance at the programme of any of our jockey clubs will show the preponderance of short dash racing. A race at over a mile and a half is a rarity found only on one or two cards, while those over a mile and a quarter are scatce enough. Almost every day's programme is made up of dashes of quarter are scarce enough. Almost every day's programme is made up of dashes of five, six and seven furlongs or a mile, and it stands to reason that when jockey clubs show the way by framing such contests horsemen are not slow to follow. They quickly learn that it will be to their interests to breed horses that have the requisite speed, and stamina is in many instances thrown to the winds. Years ago it was stamina, sound sustaining qualities primarily, and speed as a secondary matter, that was sought after and prized most highly.

It is claimed that this craze for short distance racing is ruining the thoroughbred in America, and that the horses of the present day are not nearly the equal of their

ent day are not nearly the equal of their ancestors in point of bottom. This is cer-tainly true, as the first-class performers over a distance of ground that are now on the turf may be counted on both hands. Out-side of Firenzi, Exile, Salvator. Kingston, Raceland, Hanover, Senorita, Tenny, Gorgo Raceland, Hanover, Senorita, Tenny, Gorgo and one or two others, there are none of especial merit at a mile and a half or upward, and it has been said very often that Kingston, Racemand and Hanover are not ford of more than a mile and a quarter. The fatct that the former won one of the best races of the year when he was a three-year-old at a mile and three-quarters, Raceland's victory over Firenzi in the Grand National, at the recent meeting of the American Jockey club, and Hanover's Emporium and other state victories are in direct opposition to such argument; and Grand National, at the recent meeting of the American Jockey club, and Hanover's Emporium and other state victories are in direct opposition to such argument; and they have carned their right to be ranked among the best and truest thoroughbreds of to-day. The Burd was up to ary weight

in some instances a mile; but when they are asked to go on they cry enough, and the second and third rater who has some of the old e blood in his veins, and who may he been left far in the rear in the early part of the race, comes along at his leisure, over-takes the exhausted sprinter and passes him when the flecter animal is incapacitated by lack of lung power or sustaining qualities which his conqueror possesses. This is not right, and it will work evil to the turf un-less some steps are taken to encourage distence racing.

Proctor Knott and Spokane.

Anent the freely circulated newspaper reports as to the shaky condition of Proctor Knott's limbs, a writer from Louisville has the following: "Of course you have seen the following: "Of course you have seen the ridiculous newspaper stories about Proctor Knott being on the eve of a break-down.

Don't you believe a word of them, as they have not even the shadow of a foundation.

I was at the Scoggan farm day before yesterday and I saw the Futurity winner, as well as the others in Scoggan's very formidable string. Knott has thickened and filled out wonderfully since he was at Sheapshend bay, and if he don't prove an equine wonder next year then I will be wofully mistaken. As for his least they are not root over one-third of a bottle is required to dispel all symptoms of the discussion. bay, and if he don't prove an equine wonder next year then I will be wofully mis-taken. As for his legs, they are just as sound as dollar—yes, as sound as when he ran his first race as a two-year-old. He will and his first race as a two-year-old. He will not be physicked half to death next spring.

Ind I venture the prediction that when he faces the flag in his first race as a four-year-old he will be simply invincible. I believe he will start the campaign at Memphis or Nashville, probably the former.

Not very far from where Proctor Knott is rectioning for the will start the companion of the process.

rusticating for the winter is his famous western rival. Spokane, now in winter quarters at the Louisville track. When I saw him near the close of the Birmingham meethim near the close of the Birmingham meeting he looked the very picture of a great race horse, having fattened and filled out to a perceptible degree compared with his appearance at Sheepshead Bay in the fall. Indeed, I think I never saw a finer specimen of a grand and imposing thoroughbred than the winner of two derbys as he appeared a week ago. Mr. Armstrong expects to take in the western circuit with his pet next spring and summer, and after that go east. Young McDaniel will be in charge of the Armstrong string this winter, but I am not sure he will be the trainer next season."

El Rio Rey and His Brother.

"El Rio Rey is completely recovered from his unfortunate illness, and his flesh has returned, his eye brightened, and his health pretty well restored. Trainers on the ground say his late illness, like the deeds of Lieutenant Merrill in "The Yeomen of the Gnard," was "very much exaggerated," and Guard," was "very much exaggerated," and that at no time was his life despaired of. The talk of his wind being affected is sooffed at. If his wind is affected his own people do not know it. How could they when the colt has never had a canter? In March his owner, Mr. Winters, will send from California to join El Rio Rey some five or six youngsters, among them El Rio's brother, Rey del Rey.

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high on the leg, being more like the still elder brother, Emperor of Norfotk, in that respect. Before El Rio Rey came out in the east, P. Lorillard made an offer of \$30,000 for him and his yearling brother. Rey del Rey, provided Mr. Winters would ship the latter to New York at Mr. Lorillard's expense for his (Mr. L.'s) inspection and approval. Mr. Winters declined the offer. He had nominated Rey del Rey extensively in the eastern stakes. He is in the Futurity at Coney Island, Junior Champion at Monmouth, Nursery and Titan at Jerome Park.

Notes of the Turf.

There was a good deal of money picked up on the turf last year by the three yearelds and the two-year-olds. Forty-one three-year-olds won \$521,194, and thirtyfive two.year-olds won \$488,850. Of the three-year-olds, Salvator leads with \$71,380, Longstreet is next with \$39,060. Tenny third with \$38,380, Senorita fourth with \$25,640, and Spokane fifth with \$25,420. Of the two year-olds, Chaos leads with \$63,550; El Rio Rey, the undefeated, is second with \$47,525; St. Carlo third with \$28,958, and Protection fourth with \$26,225.

Quite a number of prominent horsemen of the country met at Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 12, to form the American Hackney Horsemen's Society for the purpose of issuing a stallion book and registering every animal of that breed. The organization will be similar to the Hackney Horseman's will be similar to the Hackney Horsenan's Society in England. Prominent among the promoters of the association are John A. Logan, Jr., A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia, Henry Fairfax, of Vermont, and T. W. Harvey and L. C. Bruce, of Chicago.
"In future when the racing season of 1889 is alluded to," says an English paper, "it will be called the Dake of Portland's year." To win something like £74 (00 in stakes between April and the end of Octo-

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